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BOOK REVIEWS.

Probate Reports Annotated. By George A. Clement. Vol. 4. Baker, Voorhis & Co. New York, 1900. Sheep, pp. 767.

Probate Reports Annotated seem to contain a collection of well selected cases with good notes. The work should prove of special value to probate judges, who in the majority of the districts are men who are unversed in the law. This series which is published annually, are made up of the leading decisions, which apply to the varied and important topics upon which a probate judge must render a decision. A good feature of the notes is that they caution the reader as to the possible existence of local statutes upon which the decision may be founded.

Readings in the Law of Real Property. By George W. Kirchwey, Nash Professor of Law in Columbia University. Baker, Voorhis & Co., N. Y., 1900. Canvas, pp. 555.

Professor Kirchwey's work can hardly be regarded as a text-book, but as set forth in the preface, a series of readings. This collection of extracts, which are charmingly written can be most profitably read by the student in connection with his regular work in the subject of Real Property. The history and development of such branch of this important subject is briefly but skillfully treated. The author's aim has been to make this work render the service performed by the second book of Blackstone's commentary. Prof. Kirchwey has endeavored to omit the obsolete doctrines and deal with the law "as a vital thing having actual relation to the life of the community." The fact that Professor Gray of the Harvard Law School has assisted in the work, adds much to its value.

Lawson on Expert and Opinion Evidence. Second Edition, T. H. Flood & Co., Chicago.

The favor the first edition met with and the adjudications since are the best reasons for this work. We concur that the text writer should elucidate principles as well as cite cases. In all of the author's many publications this has been the aim and the result clearness and certainty. The table of rules is certainly a great help to the student or practitioner, and we hope other writers will follow the author's lead in this respect. Of the subject and the execution, not much need be said, the ability of the author and the importance of expert and opinion evidence speak for themselves. There is no one subject that has jumped into more permanent prominence than expert evidence, and the author's treatment of it is clear, logical, satisfying and withal succinct,